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SUBJECT: 98TH EXBD: ITEM 8.5 - GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF

POSTS IN THE SECRETARIAT (98 EX/29).

REF.: (A) PARIS 22245(NOTAL); (B) STATE 106839(NOTAL); (C) PARIS 23425(NOTAL)

- 1. DEPT HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED CONTENTS SUBJECT DOCUMENT AND REQUESTS PERM DEL TO CONTINUE TO CONSIDER VALID OUR POSITIONS AS OUTLINED IN REF. (B).
- 2. PERM DEL SHOULD CONTINUE TO GO ON RECORD THAT THE USG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRONGLY OPPOSES INCREASE IN THE LOWEST QUOTAS FROM 2-3

TO 3-5 FOR THE REASONS GIVEN IN REFTEL (B) ITEM 6(A).

DEPT NOTES WITH CONCERN PRESSURES IN UNESCO TO INCREASE

NUMBER OF POSTS AVAILABLE TO LOW CONTRIBUTORS BY REDUCING
POSTS AVAILABLE TO LARGER CONTRIBUTORS. AS MEMBER WITH

HIGHEST ASSESSMENT, U.S. DESIRABLE RANGE WOULD BE MOST

SEVERELY AFFECTED. THE PERSISTENT EFFORTS TO DISADVANTAGE

THE U.S. ON GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION DO NOT REPEAT NOT

GO UNNOTICED IN EXECUTIVE OR LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES. A

DECISION IN UNESCO TO RAISE MINIMUM RANGES WITH CORRESPONDING LOWERING OF THOSE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS WOULD ADD

INSULT TO INJURIOUS ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN IN ORGANIZATION:

SHOULD MOVE BE SET IN MOTION IN CONGRESS TO TAKE RETALIATORY ACTIONS, WE SEE NO POSSIBILITY OF TURNING IT OFF.

POSSIBLE DIRECTION OF SUCH RETALIATORY ACTION, AS WE SEE IT, COULD INCLUDE PROLONGING OF PROHIBITION AGAINST PAYMENTS TO UNESCO AND AT SUCH TIME AS THIS MAY BE LIFTED, LIMITING I.S. CONTRIBUTION TO PERCENTAGE NOT EXCEEDING THE PERCENTAGE OF UNESCO JOBS HELD BY U.S. PROFESSIONALS. PERM REP MAY USE THESE VIEWPOINTS AT HIS DISCRETION, BUT, IN ANY EVENT, DG M'BOW SHOULD FULLY UNDERSTAND IMPACT CHANGE IN CURRENT RANGE COULD HAVE ON U.S. PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO SO HE CAN PERSONALLY TAKE WHATEVER STEPS AVAILABLE TO HIM TO OPPOSE CHANGE.

- 3. RE REFTEL C, DEPT CONCURS THAT PERM DEL WORK WITH SOVIET, EAST EUROPEAN, AND OTHERS WHO WILLING OPPOSE INCREASE. IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS, PERM DEL MAY NOTE THAT SIMILAR PROBLEM ON INCREASE IN DESIRABLE RANGES WILL SURFACE IN UNGA THIS YEAR AND EXPRESS HOPE COUNTRIES WILL OPPOSE THERE AS WELL.
- 4. DEPT PLEASED TO NOTE DG NOT CONVINCED IT WOUL BE
 ADVISABLE TO INTRODUCE 12.5 PERCENT CEILING FOR REPRESENTATION OF MEMBER STATES. AGAIN, PERM DEL SHOULD REFER TO U.S. POSITION AS OUTLINED IN ITEM 6 (B), REFTEL (B) REGARDING THIS SUBJECT.
- 5. PERM DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY U.S. POSITION STATED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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II (C) PAGE 4 OF REFTEL (B) RE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE CULTURAL DISTRIBUTION OF POSTS.

6. WE CONCUR THAT WHILE THE U.S. REMAINS UNDERREPRESENTED IN UNESCO SECRETARIAT, SLIGHT GAIN HAS BEEN MADE.

NEVERTHELESS, THE PERM REP SHOULD CONTINUE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DG GIVE PREFERENCE, QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES BEING EQUAL, TO CANDIDATES

FROM UNREPRESENTED OR UNDERREPRESENTED MEMBER STATES AND AVOID AS FAR AS POSSIBLE APPOINTING CANDIDATES FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE CONSIDERABLE OVER-REPRESENTATION IN NUMBER MAY CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE TO IMPROVEMENT OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT AS A WHOLE. SISCO

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